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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 1023

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SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD CONFERENCE

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1. IN FOLLOW-UPS TO REFTEL DEMARCHE LABATT HAS MET WITH
ILO GOVT DELEGATE AARNE VALIKANGAS OF SOC AFFAIRS MINISTRY
AND WORKERS DELEGATE ILKKA ERICH OF CENTRAL LABOR FEDERATION.

2. VALIKANGAS HAD RECEIVED FROM MFA COPY OF OUR AIDE-
MEMOIRE AND NOTES OF OUR DEMARCHE. HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED
DETAILED PRESENTATION OF AFL-CIO VIEWS ON ILO FROM US
WORKERS DELEGATION MEMBER ALBERT SHANKER DURING LATTER'S
VISIT TO HELSINKI IN APRIL. A VETERAN ILO DELEGATE AND
FORMER TRADE UNIONIST, VALIKANGAS IS IMPRESSED WITH
SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH US VIEWS 63RD ILC IN DETERMINING
FUTURE OF OUR ILO PARTICIPATION.

3. VALIKANGAS SAID FINNISH POSITION ON ISSUES NOT
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YET DECIDED AND THAT FINNISH DELEGATION WOULD MOST
LIKELY VOTE WITH OTHER NORDICS. DURING CONVERSATION
HE RECEIVED CALL FROM FINNISH DELEGATION AT WHO
GENEVA CONFERENCE AND TOLD LABATT THAT FINNS THERE
HAD JUST ABSTAINED ON AN ISRAELI RESOLUTION - "ON
ORDERS FROM HIGH IN GOF." HOWEVER, HE EXPECTED ILO
DELEGATION WOULD HAVE FULL DISCRETION AT GENEVA.

4. LIKE VALIKANGAS, ERICH WAS GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO US OBJECTIVES IN ILO, ALTHOUGH HE SAID FINNISH DELEGATION NOT ENTIRELY COMFORTABLE WITH NEED TO LET THREAT OF US WITHDRAWAL LOOM AS MAJOR INFLUENCE ON CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED FINNS WOULD GIVE STRONG CONSIDERATION TO US VIEWS IN EFFORT TO KEEP US IN ORGANIZATION.

5. LABATT WILL CALL NEXT WEEK ON EMPLOYERS DELEGATE INGVAR MELIN, WHO IS MP AND FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER. BM PREVIOUSLY LABATT MET WITH OTHER GOVT DELEGATE JAAKKO RIIKONEN, WHO HEADS WORK SAFETY ADMINISTRATION IN TAMPERE, FOLLOWING LATTER'S RETURN FROM GOVERNING BODY MEETING AND FOUND RIIKONEN AWARE OF AND SYMPATHETIC TO US CONCERNS.

6. EMBASSY URGES FOLLOW-UP IN GENEVA WITH THESE PRINCIPAL DELEGATES AND OTHERS OF FINNISH DELEGATION (SEPTEL), WHICH WILL INCLUDE AS ADVISER RAIMO SALMI, MFA OFFICIAL WHO SAT IN DURING DEMARCHE LAST WEEK WITH FORMIN KORHONEN. KORHONEN HAS SINCE BEEN REPLACED BY PAAVO VAYRANEN, WHO HAD BEEN LABOR MINISTER. ALTHOUGH THE NEW LABOR MINISTER, ARVO AALTO, IS A COMMUNIST (AS WAS ALSO CASE AT TIME OF LAST YEAR'S ILC), HIS MINISTRY DOES NOT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ILO DELEGATION, WHICH IS FROM SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY AND GUIDED BY MFA AND WHOSE MEMBERS THEMSELVES WILL HAVE MAJOR ROLE IN DETERMINING FINNISH POSITIONS.
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